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December 21, 1951

Honorable Dean E. Acheson  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

At its sixth meeting on December 20 the Psychological Strategy Board approved, with minor amendment, a "Program for Soviet Orbit Escapees" (PSB E-18).

Under the recommendations in this approved program the Department of State is requested:

- (1) To accept the responsibility of administering the escapee program outlined in this study.
- (2) To develop and put into effect as a matter of urgency an operational plan under which the functions set forth in paragraph 18 will be carried out. Among other actions this plan should provide for:
  - (a) The necessary administrative action, both in Washington and in the field.
  - (b) Coordinate with other U. S. Government departments and agencies to insure that adequate facilities are provided for the screening of all escapees for employment in the several U. S. psychological, operational, or intelligence programs.
  - (c) Periodic reports to the Psychological Strategy Board on the implementation of this program.

In order to expedite planning I am taking this means of advising you of the Board's action in advance of the publication of the approved minutes. The Board agreed that the budget adjustments submitted by the Department of State, recommending additional NSA funds,

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should be used as a basis for discussion with NSA. A letter from the Director to Mr. Harrison (copy attached) requested a joint NSA, State, FBI meeting as soon as possible to determine an agreed budget.

The Board recognized that, in requesting the Department of State to accept the responsibility for this program, the manner or method of administering was a question to be decided by your department.

Copies of the reference paper are available in the Department of State.

The members of the Board are being furnished a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Gordon Gray  
Director

Enclosure

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